

SENATE BILL 1968

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;
Title 57, Chapter 3; Title 57, Chapter 4 and Title
57, Chapter 5, relative to the sale of wine on
Sundays.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-306, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Upon approval of the sale of wine on Sundays by retail food stores licensed under part 8 of this chapter or retail package stores licensed under § 57-3-204, or both, collections of the tax imposed by § 57-3-302(a) from sales on Sundays must be allocated to a separate fund within the general fund to be known as the "low income children pre-kindergarten scholarship fund", hereinafter the "fund." Money in the fund must be available for use by the department of education in accordance with Section 2 of this act. Unexpended money in the fund must not revert to the general fund, but must carry forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

(2) Except for the distributions as provided in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(1), collections of the tax imposed by § 57-3-302(a) and (b) must be distributed eighty-two and one-half percent (82.5%) to the general fund and seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) to the counties. The amount distributed to the counties must be apportioned among the counties three-fourths (3/4) in proportion to their population and one-fourth (1/4) in proportion to their area.

(3) Before distributing to the counties any of the revenues described in subsection (a) and subdivision (b)(2), the commissioner of finance and administration shall deduct a sum measured at a rate of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) per month, which sum together with an appropriation per annum from the general fund of the state must be apportioned and transmitted to the University of Tennessee for use by the university in operating the county technical advisory service (CTAS) in its institute for public service (IPS) as provided under § 49-9-402.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Upon creation of the low income children pre-kindergarten scholarship fund in accordance with § 57-3-306(b)(1), the department of education shall use monies remitted to the fund to establish a scholarship program to provide access to pre-kindergarten for children from low income families. The department may promulgate rules for purposes of establishing the program and income limits for qualified children.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.